

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEAN ROBERTS,

Plaintiff,

v.

MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT,
INC.,

Defendant.

No. 2:24-cv-0785 DJC AC PS

ORDER

Plaintiff is proceeding in this action pro se. The action was accordingly referred to the undersigned by Local Rule 302(c)(21). This action was initially filed on March 14, 2024, and the operative amended complaint was filed on June 12, 2024. ECF Nos. 1, 6. Defendant answered the amended complaint (ECF No. 11) and filed a notice of interested parties stating that Encore Capital Group, a publicly held company which trades on NASDAQ under the symbol "ECPG," is the corporate parent of and owns ten percent or more of Defendant Midland Credit Management, Inc.'s interests (ECF No. 12).

Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:


1. A Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference is set for January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 26 (AC) before Magistrate Judge Allison Claire. All parties shall appear by counsel or in person if acting without counsel.

2. Not later than January 2, 2025, the parties shall file a joint status report, or separate status reports if necessary, addressing the following matters:

- a. Service of process;
- b. Possible joinder of additional parties;
- c. Any expected or desired amendment of the pleadings;
- d. Jurisdiction and venue;
- e. Anticipated motions and their scheduling;
- f. The report required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 outlining the proposed discovery plan and its scheduling, including disclosure of expert witnesses;
- g. Future proceedings, including setting appropriate cut-off dates for discovery and law and motion, and the scheduling of a pretrial conference and trial;
- h. Special procedures, if any;
- i. Estimated trial time;
- j. Modification of standard pretrial procedures specified by the rules due to the simplicity or complexity of the proceedings;
- k. Whether the case is related to any other cases, including bankruptcy;
- l. Whether a settlement conference should be scheduled;
- m. Any other matters that may add to the just and expeditious disposition of this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 4, 2024


ALLISON CLAIRE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE